

## APPLE CROP WILL BRING GOOD PRICE

Virginia Farmers Advised by Koiner to Keep Cool and Watch Market.

Apple growers of Virginia are again warned by Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Koiner not to be deceived by the representations of apple buyers who desire to force down the market price of the fruit for personal gain. He advises growers to study the market, be informed as to the gradations in price, and to sell to the best advantage.

Last year Mr. Koiner found that while apples were selling on Cary Street at \$3 a barrel, and even more, buyers were going through Augusta and Frederick counties and offering \$1 or \$1.50 a barrel, telling the growers that the crop over the United States was immense, and that they had best take these prices or else wait for still lower ones. At that time the commissioner predicted through The Times-Dispatch that apples would be bringing \$5 a barrel by Christmas. He was criticized and laughed at, but it came true.

He now makes the same prediction for this year. He notes that the buyers have just pulled off a convention, in which they passed resolution that the apple crop this year would be the largest in the history of the country. But the government crop reports show conditions about as they were one year ago. In Virginia, as a matter of fact, the indications are for a much smaller yield than in 1910. The demand the country over is likely to be brisk, with the supply none too large. "Wait and sell with intelligence," says Mr. Koiner.

### BRYAN FOR JONES

Says Martin Is Last Man to Be Thought of for Senatorship.

The following letter was given out yesterday from the headquarters of the Virginia Democratic League.

Lincoln, Neb., August 7, 1911.

Hon. W. A. Jones, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

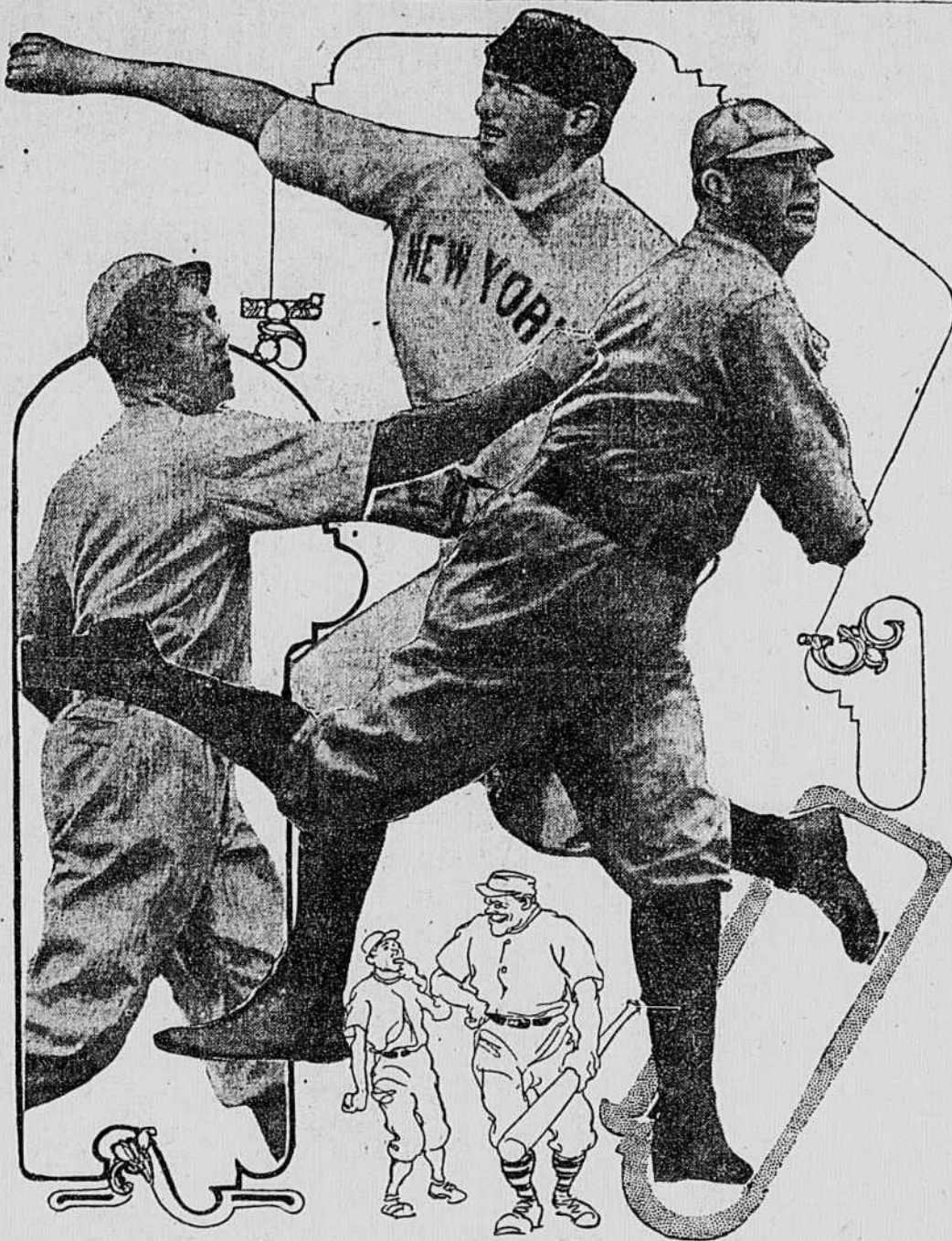
My Dear Mr. Jones:—Recent events in other States give increasing reason to hope for your success. The election of Governor Hicks Smith to the Senate was a triumph for Progressive Democracy, and the signal victory won by Congressman James in Kentucky is another indication of the trend of sentiment toward aggressive action. Surely a man of your ability and experience, standing for Democracy of the Jefferson and Jackson type, ought to be elected over a candidate like Senator Martin, whose inabilities, environment and record combine to make him the last man to be thought of in connection with the senatorship.

Our party is making progress, but it has a real fight before it to overcome the powerful influence exerted by Wall Street and the predatory interests that make that their hiding place. I am grateful to the Democracy of Virginia for the splendid support it has given me, and I feel sure that it will stand by you and thus take a position of leadership on the people's side of the great issues now before the people. Strength to your arm. Yours truly, (Signed) W. J. BRYAN.

### BREATHES THROUGH TUBE

Surgeons Open Windpipe of Boy Who Swallowed Seed.

Surgeons at the Virginia Hospital yesterday opened the windpipe of seven-year-old Wilbur Hobbs, the Emporia boy who recently swallowed a watermelon seed. The operation was not concluded, and it is likely that it will be necessary to keep the trachea open for several days for observation. In order that he may breathe a silver



The only pitchers who have pitched more than one no-hit game in the history of modern league baseball. From left to right—Addie Joss, of Cleveland (now dead); Christy Mathewson, of the New York Giants, and old Cy Young, of Cleveland. Each of these men has two hitless games to his credit. Joss and Young are the only big league twirlers who ever pitched a game in which no man reached first base by any method—hit, base, or otherwise.

Curiously enough, it seems that all three of these great figures of the diamond will pass from the game within a year of each other. Addie Joss died two months ago. Constant report is now going the rounds of the big league circuits that Cleveland is about to release old Cy Young, whose age has at last begun to tell on him, and Christy Mathewson has fallen off to such an appreciable extent that New Yorkers are beginning to ponder over the question as to whether their idol is just in a temporary slump or whether he has really lost his ability.

Many fizzes. And Ralph Mattis dropped an easy fly ball. Just think how close they came to winning, at that!

The Giants got the first blood and closed the gap between them and the Cubs by getting the better of a tennish argument. McGraw has got to do it now or never, and it looks as if he has chosen that it shall be now.

If Revelle is in shape again he will be sent out to get the second game of the series from the Tars. Seeing as how the Goobers lost, it is up to Richmond to keep them from losing first place.

As to Martin, Revelle and Priest, this is merely a swapping of dollars. Revelle has never been released by the New York Club. He was suspended for the purpose of getting in condition, but notification that the suspension had been raised was sent to the National Commission and was printed by every paper in Richmond.

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## Pertinent Comment

By GUS MALBERT.

The belated information has just come from local baseball headquarters that Mattis has been sold to Washington, though the price obtained for the boy is still kept a secret along with several other things which are more or less interesting to the public. It has been many weeks since

the news was printed in this column that Ralph Mattis would go to Washington. That he was wanted by several other clubs was also told, but Charlie Farrell, though he kept his boss under cover, was rather free in his remarks concerning his opinion of Mattis, and as soon as it was learned that he was working for Jim-

mie McAleer the suspicion was naturally aroused that Mattis would go to the capital city. This was later confirmed by a talk with McAleer himself, who, as everybody knows, is in sore need of outfielders.

Mattis, properly handled, will make a valuable man. The boy is scarcely out of his teens. He is an easy victim to low curve balls, and has a habit of pulling with his left, but is death on high balls. He is a free hitter, but has lots to learn on the bases. As a fielder, he is sure, handles fly balls well and knows how to block them on the ground. McAleer, taken all in all, has made a good trade, for Jimmie in his way was the king of the outfielders in the big league, and will be able to give the boy valuable instruction.

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He therefore still belongs to New York and is simply returning to his former post. Priest was let out by Chase for a consideration of \$300, and it was this price, which was to have been paid at the end of the playing season, which came very nearly causing him to be let out by Richmond, along about the time the Guthe deal was pending. Fandom will now have an opportunity of deciding for itself whether such a move would have been wise or not.

Martin had some kind of a string tied to him, though it is doubtful he actually belonged to the Yankees. He was recommended by Arthur Irwin, and the probability is that when he was so recommended the stipulation was made that in the event he panned out, New York would have the first whack at his services. Hogues to New York because of a deal which Winn Clarke made. Ira was pitching for Clarke's Portsmouth team when Owner Bradley went after him. At that time Billy Hannan stated that he had been sold to Washington. As a matter of fact, the deal was pending. Clarke got hold of the boy, and he, with Arthur Irwin, gave him \$100 to sign an agreement that he would report to New York in the spring of 1912. This let out Washington, and also let out Richmond, so far as owning the player is concerned.

The truth of the whole matter is that the deals are largely what is known in baseball as covering players. New York buys the men from Richmond for a nominal sum, and Richmond, in the event that New York does not want them, will have the privilege of repurchase, or use of them through optional agreement next season, subject to recall.

Take the case of Johnny Priest—and of all those going up he seems most likely to stick—he is the property of New York. This fact is best proved by the statement made by Charlie Farrell, working for Washington, that if Priest's outright release could be obtained, he (Farrell) would give \$1,500 for the boy. When the statement is made that Richmond will have the first call on the players, it must be taken into consideration that some of them may go into faster company, though not making good in the majors. Martin is just as sure for faster company as a cent is for the proverbial ginger cake. In fact, if given the opportunity he will make good, in the opinion of this writer, under the big top.

The drafting season will be open in one week and, unless the watch-dogs have been asleep, Charles, or whatever his name may be, is sure to go up. The boy has a lot to learn, but he is willing and anxious to go the limit to take in knowledge. Steve Griffin has promised to go out to the park with him the latter part of the week and coach him in a few details. When Steve told him he would help him out, the boy was one big grin. This shows the proper spirit.

The bunt, except in the case of an expert at this style of hitting, is doomed to the discard. Talking over the relative value of the bunt and the hit-and-run with several men who are qualified to give opinions, and opinions of value, the consensus of opinion was to the effect that the hit-and-run is the right of way. The hit-and-run is worth trying at all times, even on defense, as it does on offense, for with a fast secondary defense to stop holes that may be torn in the line by the opposition, there is small chance of making big gains. Honaker will prove a star coach is the prediction.

With the baseball season waning,

talk of football is already in the air. At the University of Virginia prospects are said to be bright. While a number of the old men will not return, there will be sufficient of last year's eleven intact to form a great nucleus. V. P. I. will miss Branch Bocock, who is at North Carolina, but in his place will come Bob Williams, president of the Virginia League, and a man who knows football. Clarence (Sally) Miles, who occupies a chair at the agricultural school, and who, in his day was a star tackle, will also give some of his time to coaching the men, while a regularly employed physical instructor will look after their condition.

Carolina believes that this is the year for the Blue and White. Bocock will get all that is possible out of the men. He is the right sort of a man, and there will be no loafing when he is around. Neither will there be individual play, from which Carolina suffered under Brice's instruction last season. Bo, as he is called at Blacksburg, will fire every man off the team and start fresh before he will allow anything of this sort.

Locally, Richmond College, with Honaker in charge, should shine on the gridiron. Last year Long did the best he could, but there he those who think he used poor judgment at critical times. Honaker will develop a fast team. Fast himself, he realizes the value of speed in the new game, and will make the backs hustle. With a fast back field and a line of defense which can develop ordinary speed on the offense, the college should be a factor. Speed in the back field means nearly as much on defense as it does on offense, for with a fast secondary defense to stop holes that may be torn in the line by the opposition, there is small chance of making big gains. Honaker will prove a star coach is the prediction.

The changes in the 1911 playing rules are those that were predicted by all students of the game. The rules committee decided at a meeting held some time ago to stand pat on the rules as they were, but appointed a committee on revision, composed of Walter Camp, Yale; E. K. Hall, Dartmouth; Dr. Carl

S. Williams, Pennsylvania. The important changes were in connection with the forward pass. Last year the rules held that the man receiving the forward pass must take a step forward before being tackled. It was found that this was great trouble to the officials and served to detract them from the actual pass. The rules now put the man receiving the forward pass on the same footing with the man receiving a punt; he can be tackled as soon as he starts with the ball.

The other change relates to the incomplete or illegal forward pass, which strikes the ground before being touched by any player, and the illegal pass being one made from less than five yards behind the line of scrimmage. The penalties last year were from the point at which the pass was made. This year the penalty will be from the point at which the ball was put in play, as determined by the linesman.

The change most calculated to relieve the game from that feature which last year admitted of serious injury to the player is that which relates to the fumble. It strikes the ground from a fumble by a player. Under the old rule the ball was free, and went to the team which secured it. Now the ball is declared dead when it strikes the ground after a fumble. Still another slight change was made in shortening the time between the first and second periods and the third and fourth periods.

The Giants probably have the hardest week's work before them of their entire schedule. The Pirates and the Cubs go against the McGrawites this week, and many dopists figure that on the result of the two series will depend the championship in the Lynch league. If the Giants come out on top it will mean that not only will they gain the top of the ladder, but that they will start on their Western trip with a fair lead. If the Giants cop the rag, then people in the East will have the opportunity of again seeing two Eastern teams battling for the world's championship, as it is nearly a foregone conclusion that the Athletics will repeat last year's performance.

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